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# Ragtops & Rumbleseats

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- **Tony's Twenties "T" Party**
- **Cruise-In at the Mall**





## Vintage Advertising

Perhaps it comes as no surprise how artistic this 1937 advertisement for GMC trucks is, considering that it was the first model year that benefited from GM's Art & Colour Department under Harley Earl.

Prior to this, the majority of truck ads spoke of durability and capacity and operating costs. Now it was also about looking good.

Stylists reworked the art deco grille, moved the headlights from the fenders to the sides of nose and dreamed up a dozen two-tone paint schemes.

The 1937 GMC pickups featured Oldsmobile's 230 cubic inch engine, a step up from the previous year, which had the smaller 213 cubic inch Olds offering.

## In This Issue

Bootleggers!

ATCA National Meet for truck lovers.

Staten Island Mall cruise-ins have returned.

Recapturing an old ride in the SIRAACA Garage.



There is a new half-ton with either 112-inch or 126-inch wheelbase and a new many-feature 1½-2 ton GMC . . . priced near the lowest . . . refinements and improvements . . . advanced streamline appearance that sets a new standard . . . Value through and through.



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*Trivia Question: The GMC marque dates back to 1912, when General Motors merged what two recent acquisitions?*

*Answer: Rapid and Reliance, two truck manufacturers.*

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# Minutes of the 481st Meeting

## May 5, 2015

1. The 481st meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order by President Paul Jr. at 7:25 pm. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, the minutes of the 480th meeting were accepted as read by Tony DiAngelo.
2. The Spring Dust-Off had great results. Nearly 300 cars were on display, the second-best turnout on record. The people gate, the flea market, the 50/50 and the raffle sales were all higher than last year. The new photographer did well, and his fee for the fall will be \$200.
3. The raffle car debuted at Englishtown, but skipped Friday's opening due to the weather. It did very well over the weekend, taking in \$1,692 in total. After three events, we've sold over \$2,500 worth of tickets. Keep the momentum going, and thanks to all who helped thus far.
4. The raffle car is scheduled to appear at the Hot Rods & Harleys show in Rahway on May 9 and the New Dorp H.S. Show on May 31. We are also planning to set up outside the EZ Pass office near the Hilton each week.
5. We continue to help Fred Howe get the message out about his need for a kidney. Please spread the word.
6. The club will inquire about AACA insurance covering a weekly cruise night at the Elks Club on Richmond Avenue and Arthur Kill Road.
7. We discussed the idea of a "sponsored" 50/50, where a beneficiary is named to share the proceeds.
8. Phil Boffa gave a treasury report, with all in order.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm. The 50/50 collected \$29, with Mike Signorile winning \$15.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony DiAngelo, Secretary





## Are Old Trucks Your Thing?

Our local shows and cruise nights might get one or two trucks, mostly pickups. If you're into the bigger stuff, you're hard-pressed to see anything on Staten Island. Allow us to recommend a trip out to the Antique Truck Club of America's 36th Annual National Meet on June 20 in Macungie, PA. We hear this show has it all, from military vehicles to 100 year-old workhorses to the big Macks and other semis that criss-crossed America's highways in decades gone by.



(photo by Paul Jr.)

Some of our members have made the trip to past ATCA national meets and all say it's a heck of a show. Others know what to expect based on what they've seen in the wildly popular commercial classes at the AACA meet in Hershey. If the club is interested in making this a group outing, it can be discussed at the June meeting.



(photo by Paul Jr.)

## Whisky With Your T



G-Men take notice! Local bootlegger Tony V. and his moll Marisol were flaunting their disregard for prohibition by carting around some cases of Scotch at the recent New Dorp High School car show. Spectators flocked to their T for pictures with the daring couple and their tommy gun-toting friend. (photos by Marisol Ventrice)

## Take Your Chances

This is a reminder to all members who still haven't taken an allotment of raffle books to sell to see Paul Arena at the next meeting, or hook up with the raffle car at the next local cruise or show. Member sales make up a good part of our overall effort, and are not affected by bad weather. Try your neighbors, coworkers, friends, family, customers, etc. Every book sold makes a difference.



## From the President

We've all lost countless hours surfing the web, jumping from site to site, in our quest to see old cars. Whether you're looking at cars for sale as a buyer or spectator, or reading up on the latest car shows and auctions, or hunting for some history, the web has a countless number of sources to fill your needs. Here are some of my favorites.

When I'm curious as to what's for sale, eBay is my first look, followed by Hemmings. For the big boats of the 1970's, mjcclasics.com has me covered. I'll also check the AACA forums and troll prewarcar.com for the real odd and old stuff. In fact, isn't that Don Bosco's 1925 Roamer for sale on that site?

I'll check in with the inventory on Mark Hyman's website and pour through the digital catalogues of the big auction houses, such as RM.

If it's eye candy I'm looking for, I'll check out the fabulous galleries on supercars.net, which always covers the big Concours shows around the world.

When I want a glimpse into the past through period photos, I can't go wrong with shorpy.com or The Old Motor.

Needless to say, I'm certain I've only scratched the surface, and that there are plenty more sites worth spending time on for my old car fix. I hope I've revealed a few you didn't know of, and look forward to your suggestions, too.

- Paul Jr.

## - NEXT MEETING - June 2

Our June meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm, and will be held at the Staff House at Seaview Home & Hospital, located at 460 Brielle Avenue. Each member is asked to contribute \$3.00 towards coffee and doughnuts.

## 2015 Raffle Car Flyer

# WIN THIS CAR!

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## Inside the SIRAACA Garage

Bob Columbia is the happy owner of this 1968 Mustang, one of the more recent additions to the SIRAACA Garage.

Like many collectors, Bob yearned to acquire one of the cars from his past. Having bought a new Mustang just like this one in 1968, he'd had his sights on getting another, preferably in the same color scheme of Acapulco Blue with black vinyl top. His original was ordered with black interior, but his was delivered with parchment interior instead. He finally gets the black insides this time around.

By December of 1967, the 289 V-8 was finally gone in favor of the 302, which put out 230 hp. Three body styles made up the Mustang line - the coupe, the fastback, and the convertible. The coupe dominated production, accounting for nearly 250,000 of the 317,404 cars made in 1968. Considering some additional differences, the least common was a fastback deluxe with bench seat. Only 256 such equipped cars rolled off the line.

Bob's car is a real looker, and his attention to some cosmetic details is all that's needed now.

Do you have (or had) a car that you'd like featured in the SIRAACA Garage? This includes your first set of wheels, when today's old cars were new. If so, please send pictures and details to Paul Jr. via [parena2@verizon.net](mailto:parena2@verizon.net), or see him at one of our monthly meetings.



*1968 Mustangs came in nearly every color under the sun when you consider special promotions. Acapulco Blue was one of 16 standard colors. There were four additional special order colors, plus territorial specials like Cardinal Edition Red, 13 rainbow hues sold on the west coast, and four Color of the Month promo offerings like Eastertime Coral. (photo by Paul Jr.)*

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## Upcoming Events

Grab your friends and family, hop into your car, and check out these events:



- Carlisle Ford Nationals, June 5-7
- Ramapo Concours d'Elegance, Mahwah, NJ - June 6
- Antique Automobile Assoc. of Brooklyn, Floyd Bennett Field - June 7
- Olive Garden Cruise Nite, Woodbridge, NJ - June 9 (Tuesdays)
- St. Joseph-St. Thomas School Car Show, Staten Island - June 13
- The Elegance at Hershey, June 12-14
- Father's Day Cruise to the Shore, Long Branch, NJ - June 21
- Travis 4th of July Parade - July 4
- SIRAACA 2nd Annual Free Community Day Car Show - July 11





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# Cruise-Ins and Outs

As noted in the flyer at right, there will be four cruise-in nights at the Staten Island Mall, held on the final Tuesday of each month through September. In addition, we have approached the Elks Lodge on Richmond Avenue and Arthur Kill Road about hosting a cruise night, and they're primary concern was insurance. We confirmed that our AACA policy can be applied to a regularly scheduled event so long as the dates are specified ahead of time. As such, we will speak with them again about additional logistics and hope to get something off the ground right away. In the meantime, there are the regular events over in New Jersey to keep you busy during the week, including Woodbridge Olive Garden on the second Tuesday of each month and the Shoppes at Old Bridge on Route 9 every first Friday of the month. Of course, the premiere cruise event on Staten Island remains the Sunday morning gathering at Great Kills Beach, which has seen upwards of 200 cars each week and an earlier start time to accommodate the volume of cars. Wherever you choose to cruise, enjoy and be safe.

**STATEN ISLAND MALL**  
AND THE CARL V. BINI MEMORIAL FUND PRESENT

*Cruise-In Nights*

**TUESDAY, MAY 26TH      TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 28TH    TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH**

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